Press Release

HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Department of Community Services



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"Ensuring a Safe
Harford"

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"Preparing Now,
Building for the Future"

EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT "Governing Smarter"

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"Growing and Sustaining Harford's Prosperity"

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"Protecting Our
Environment"

QUALITY LIVING
"Safeguarding What is
Important to Harford
County Citizens"

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Human Relations Commission Recognizes Irish-American Month

(Bel Air, MD) - - The Harford County Human Relations Commission is proud to recognize Irish-American Heritage Month in March. This national observation celebrates the achievements and contributions of <u>Irish</u> immigrants and their descendants living in the United States.

Congress proclaimed March as Irish-American Heritage Month in 1991. Annually, since that time, the President has issued a proclamation commemorating the occasion. March was chosen for this commemoration to coincide with the Irish national holiday observed on March 17, better known as Saint Patrick's Day.

Originally, Saint Patrick's Day was a religious holiday that honored the person who introduced Christianity to Ireland in the early fifth century; however, the holiday has evolved into a celebration of all things Irish.

Local Harford County events include:

WOMEN OF IRELAND

Harford Community College, Amos Center

Sunday, March 9, 2014, 3:00 PM ET

CONCORD POINT LIGHTHOUSE 2ND ANNUAL ST. PATTY'S DAY CELEBRATION & FUNDRAISER

Thursday, March 13, 2014, 6:00-9:00 PM

STEPPINGSTONE FARM MUSEUM - CELTIC TRADITIONS TEA

Sunday, March 16, 2014, 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM seatings

The Human Relations Commission is a 15 member volunteer advisory board appointed by the County Executive with the approval of the County Council. Members serve with the County Executive representing the County's population.

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"Preserving Harford's past. Promoting Harford's future."